

California Recreational Groundfish Fishery Regulations (2000 – 2008)

Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
20-40	Depth open between 20-40fm
30-60	Depth open between 30-60fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2008

Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

Northern Management Area (INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE MAY 9)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Black rockfish ²					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean Whitefish					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	

Northern Management Area (INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20				
Black rockfish ²					20	20	20	20				
California sheephead					20	20	20	20				
Cabazon					20	20	20	20				
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					20	20	20	20				
Ocean Whitefish					20	20	20	20				
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20				
Lingcod					20	20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

North-Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California scorpionfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California sheephead						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cabazon						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Shelf rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Lingcod						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2008

North-Central Management Area (INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE MAY 9, 2008)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

North - Central North of Point Arena Management Area

40° 10' N lat to Point Arena (38° 57' N lat)

(INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20				
California scorpionfish						20	20	20				
California sheephead						20	20	20				
Cabazon						20	20	20				
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20				
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20				
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20				
Lingcod						20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

North - Central South of Point Arena Management Area

Point Arena (38° 57' N lat) to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

(INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South – Central Management Area

Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)

Monterey South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2008

Morro Bay South – Central Management Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border

Southern Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Cowcod Conservation Area (west of San Diego) open March – December from 0-20 fm (0-120 ft)
(see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/cowcod.asp>)

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2007

Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat

Northern Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabezon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective October 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30			
Black rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30			
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabezon					30	30	30	30	30			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30			
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30			
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30			

North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

North-Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California scorpionfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California sheephead						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cabezon						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Shelf rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Lingcod						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective October 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						30	30	30	30			
California scorpionfish						30	30	30	30			
California sheephead						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cabezon						30	30	30	30			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						30	30	30	30			
Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Shelf rockfish						30	30	30	30			
Lingcod						30	30	30	30			
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2007

Monterey South – Central Management Area Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)

Monterey South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border

Southern Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Cowcod Conservation Area (west of San Diego) open March – December from 0-20 fm (0-120 ft)
(see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/cowcod.asp>)

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2006

Northern Management Area (CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat)

Northern Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Black rockfish ²							40	40	40	40		
California sheephead							40	40	40	40		
Cabazon							40	40	40	40		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							40	40	40	40		
Ocean Whitefish							40	40	40	40		
Shelf rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Lingcod							40	40	40	40		

Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

North-Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2006

North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead							30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon							30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean whitefish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod							30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South – Central Management Area Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)

Monterey South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South – Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South – Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead							30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon							30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean whitefish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod							30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2006

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area– Effective January 12

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40			
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40			
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40			
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40			
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border

Southern Management Area – Effective January 12

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
California scorpionfish										40	40	20
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30			
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area In-season Change: Effective February 21

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
California scorpionfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30			
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2006

Southern Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2005

Northern Management Area (CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat)

Northern Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Black rockfish ²							40	40	40	40		
California sheephead							40	40	40	40		
Cabazon							40	40	40	40		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							40	40	40	40		
Ocean Whitefish							40	40	40	40		
Shelf rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Lingcod							40	40	40	40		

Northern Management Area In-season change: Effective April 16¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

North-Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area In-season change: Effective April 5, 2005¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2005

Monterey South – Central Management Area Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)

Monterey South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South – Central Management Area In-season change: Effective April 5¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
California scorpionfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
California sheephead					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Cabazon					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Greenlings					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Ocean Whitefish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Shelf rockfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Lingcod					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South – Central Management Area In-season change: Effective April 16

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40			
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40			
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40			
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40			
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2005

Southern Management Area Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border

Southern Management Area

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish										40	40	20
California sheephead			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Cabazon			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Greenlings			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Ocean Whitefish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Shelf rockfish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Lingcod				30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area In-season change: Effective April 16¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish										30	60	60
California sheephead			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Cabazon			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Greenlings			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Shelf rockfish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Sanddabs												

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA IN 2004

Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N lat - Effective Jan 1^{1,2,3}

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
Black RF												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish ²												
Lingcod ³												

1. Nearshore rockfishes are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective April 1¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
Black rockfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod ¹												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective May 1^{1,2}

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ²						30	30	30				
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30		

1. Depth closure implemented > 30 fm May to December.

2. Black rockfish – 0 fish bag limit effective May 16 (“encouraged” by DFG Director starting May 1) for May, and September to December.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA 2004

North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) - Effective Jan 1^{1,2,3}

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ²	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Sanddabs												

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

2. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

Recreational fishing on Cordell Bank (Marin County) closed for rockfish, lingcod and associated species: Effective March 1, 2004

North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective April 1¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ¹	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective May 1¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30						20	20	20		
California scorpionfish	30	30						20	20	20		
California sheephead	30	30						20	20	20		
Cabazon	30	30						20	20	20		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)	30	30						20	20	20		
Ocean whitefish	30	30						20	20	20		
Shelf rockfish	30	30						20	20	20		
Lingcod	30	30						20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

1. May to July, November to December closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm September to October.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA 2004

South-Central Management Area

Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) - Effective Jan 1^{1,2,3}

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabezon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish ²	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ³	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Sanddabs												

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

South-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective April 1¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabezon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ¹	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

South-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective May 1¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Cabezon	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod	30	30			20	20		20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

1. July closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm September to December.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY AREA 2004

Southern Management Area

Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border - Effective Jan 1^{1,2,3}

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabezon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod ³			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Sanddabs												

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

Southern Management Area

In-season Change: Effective April 1¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabezon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings (rock, kelp)			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod ¹			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
Sanddabs												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

Southern Management Area

In-season Change: Effective May 1

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Cabezon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Depth closure implemented >30 fm September to October.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2003^{1, 2, 3, 4}

Northern Management Area

California/Oregon Border to near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Central Management Area

Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish	20	20					20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead												
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean Whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	20

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish	20	20					20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead												
Cabazon							20	20	20			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20			
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	

Southern Management Area

Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish	20	20					20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead												
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean Whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	20

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹							20	20	30	30	30	
California scorpionfish	20	20					<20fm	<20fm	30	30	30	
California sheephead												
Cabazon							20	20	30			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	30			
Ocean whitefish							20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish							20	20	30	30	30	
Lingcod							20	20	30	30	30	

Notes for 2003:

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. In 2003, fishing for California scorpionfish was allowed in < 50fm during July and August, only in the area of Huntington Flats, as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 27.82(d). 7.
3. Emergency Fishing Closure for cabezon, greenlings, and California sheephead to all recreational take in all waters at all depths went into effect October 8.
4. The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, shelf rockfishes, and lingcod went into effect December 8.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2002^{1, 2, 3}

Northern Management Area

California/Oregon Border to near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change²

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Central Management Area

Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20			20	20		
California scorpionfish					20	20			20	20		
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish					20	20			20	20		
Lingcod					20	20			20	20		

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20	20	20		
California scorpionfish					20	20	20	20	20	20		
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20	20	20		
Lingcod					20	20	20	20	20	20		

Southern Management Area

Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20		
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20		
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*		
Lingcod							20	20	20	20		

Notes for 2002:

1. All closures in 2002 do not apply to shore based anglers, or spearfishing from shore or a man-made structure.
2. In 2002, Emergency Sport Fishing Closure dates were July 1 (greenlings), July 29 (cabezon), and November 1 (California sheephead).
3. The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for shelf rockfishes, lingcod, scorpionfish, and ocean whitefish went into effect July 1. Nearshore fishing was still allowed in < 20 fathoms for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish and ocean whitefish. There was a special allowance for two shelf rockfish ONLY if taken incidental to nearshore fishing in < 20 fathoms EXCLUDING bocaccio, canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which could not be taken.

***** Management AREA boundaries changed January 10, 2002.**

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2001^{1, 2, 3, 4}

Northern Management Area California/Oregon Border to Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Central Management Area Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N)

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹					20	20						
California scorpionfish					20	20						
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹					20	20					20	20
California scorpionfish					20	20					20	20
California sheephead												
Cabazon											20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)											20	20
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Southern Management Area Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish	20	20										
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish	20	20										
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹											20	20
California scorpionfish	20	20									20	20
California sheephead												
Cabazon											20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)											20	20
Ocean whitefish	20	20									20	20
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Notes for 2001:

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Emergency action was taken by the Commission in order to conform to Federal Regulations.
3. Rockfish and lingcod closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
4. In 2001, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure went into effect October 29 and prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabezon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters less than 20 fathoms around offshore rocks and islands). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

***** On January 1, 2000 the California Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations to be effective through 2002 that closed lingcod and nearshore and shelf rockfishes as follows: south of Lopez Point to the Mexico border Jan. - Feb.; and north of Lopez Point to Cape Mendocino Mar. - Apr. New regulations that superceded the regulations adopted January 1, 2000 went into effect Mar. 5, 2001. These new regulations included a different regional management boundary between the central and southern management areas – Point Conception instead of Lopez Point. Because of the delay in implementation (March instead of January), the area between Lopez Point and Point Conception was closed from Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2001 (as part of the southern area under the 2000 regulations). This area then was open to fishing from March 1- 4, 2001 (as part of the 2000 open fishing period for the southern area). However, once the 2001 regulations took affect on Mar. 5, 2001, this section of coast was closed again from Mar. 5 – Apr. 30 (as part of the central area under the 2001 regulations).**

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Northern Management Area

California/Oregon Border to Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod ²												

Central Management Area

Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Southern Management Area

Lopez Point (36° 00' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Inseason Change

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

Notes for 2000:

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
3. Emergency closure for lingcod for November and December 2000 was statewide.